newsline extra

Newsline Extra features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

State aid payments distributed to public libraries

Certified public libraries in Missouri received their FY2005 first and second quarter per capita state aid payments yesterday. The payments were sent via electronic funds transfer and libraries should refer to letters sent by the State Library last week to confirm the amount they received. Library directors should make sure to route a copy of the letter to their bookkeepers so they will know how to allocate the funds in the library accounts.

   In this year's legislative session, the General Assembly passed and the Governor signed a substantial reduction in state funding for public libraries, including a 25 percent cut to per capita state aid. To accommodate that reduction the State Library has lowered the per capita amount from $0.55 to $0.41. Total state aid allocated for the 2005 year is $2,121,451.

   Third and fourth quarter state aid payments will be distributed during the second half of the fiscal year. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the Missouri State Library at 800-325-0131 ext. 0.

More tech training available through Gates grant

As part of Missouri's Gates Foundation "Staying Connected" grant, two additional technology-related workshops are scheduled for November. Both are free for Missouri's public library staff members.

   The first session, "**Kids on the Internet**," will be offered as a Centra training through MLNC. The class will focus on children's search engines and homework sites as well as resources for research in arts and literature, social studies, science, and math. The strengths, weaknesses, and best features of each site will be discussed. The course is scheduled for November 3, 2005, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Registration is available at www.mlnc.org/Workshops/kids.html.

   The second session, "**Wireless Security**," is offered in a traditional classroom setting at MOREnet in Columbia. This course is designed to instruct people on how to use and implement best practices when securing wireless local area networks (LANs). Emphasis will be placed on current trends in wireless security, defining technical terminologies pertaining to wireless security, and how to implement wireless security strategies via a layered approach. Hands-on exercises will include setting up a wireless LAN, enabling wireless security features on multiple brands of wireless access points, and performing signal strength tests. The workshop is scheduled for November 9, 2005, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Register online at www.more.net/training/stayingconnected/index.html.

   For more information contact Nathaniel Albers at 1-800-325-0131, ext. 14, or Nathaniel.albers@sos.mo.gov.

Grants available to attend ALA conference

Attending an ALA annual conference can be a career boost to a new librarian, as opportunities abound for continuing education, information exchange, and networking. 3M Library Systems offers a professional development grant to new librarians to help them attend the conference. The 3M/NMRT Professional Development Grant provides funding for registration, travel, lodging, and some incidental expenses for recipients to attend the ALA conference in New Orleans in June 2006.

Applications are due December 15, 2005, and additional information is available at www.ala.org/ala/nmrt/applyforfunds/3mawardinformation.htm. Librarians must be ALA members to apply.

Apply now for new *We the People Bookshelf* grant

The American Library Association (ALA) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) have announced the third *We the People Bookshelf* project theme. This year's theme is "Becoming American," and will encourage young people to read and understand great literature while exploring themes in American history.

The grant will award sets of 15 books to 1,000 libraries across the county. School (K-12) and public libraries are eligible. Libraries selected to receive the grants are required to use the *Bookshelf* selections in programs for young readers in their communities. The application and guidelines are available at www.ala.org/wethepeople or www.humanities.gov. Applications are being accepted online from September 6 through January 17, 2006.

Meeting the needs of teen evacuees

Libraries attempting to serve teens evacuated from the Gulf Coast can now refer to an informational sheet released by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA). Called "Serving Teen Evacuees in Libraries," the document is available at www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/profdev/evacuees.htm.

YALSA also created a booklist and a list of recommended Web sites relating to helping teens cope with disaster and tragedy. These can be accessed from the same URL.

The State Library of Louisiana has a resource guide for serving children who are evacuees, at www.state.lib.la.us/whatsnew/whatsnew_details.cfm?doc_id=571. The American Library Association has also collected news and resources relating to disaster relief at www.ala.org/katrina.

New animated e-book shows why 'libraries matter'

The Alliance Library System, www.LibrariesMatter.com, and TumbleBooks Inc have launched a new animated online book titled "Why Libraries Matter: A Story Long Overdue." The book can be downloaded at no cost to all public libraries and elementary schools in North America for use on their Web sites.

"Why Libraries Matter: A Story Long Overdue" is the tale, told in rhyming verse, of a young girl who shows her family and neighbors how important the library is to them and their community. The project is the latest in a series of initiatives from the Alliance Library System who, last year, introduced the Libraries Matter campaign to public libraries across the world.

To learn more or to download the book, go to www.librariesmatter.com/books.

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